

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Meiser et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/670,999
Filed	:	September 25, 2003
For	:	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AN ARTIFICIAL ISOLATED CIRCULATION IN A TARGET AREA OF A HUMAN OR ANIMAL BODY
Examiner	:	Philip R. Wiest
Group Art Unit	:	3761

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 18, 2006, the Applicant hereby elects Group I, i.e. Claims 1-17 and 26. The Applicant makes this election without traverse and respectfully requests prompt examination on the merits of the elected claims.

By this paper, the Applicant hereby withdraws Group II, i.e. Claims 18-25 and Group III, i.e., Claims 27-33. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the restricted subject matter in subsequent divisional application(s).

A complete listing of claims and their status begins on page 2 of this paper.